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In re application of: Jesus Prieto VALTUENA, et al

Serial No.: 09/674,445

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For: USE OF INTERFERON ALPHA 5 IN THE TREATMENT OF VIRAL LIVER DISEASES

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1. ☒ This replies to the Office Letter dated May 4, 2001

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#### IDENTIFICATION OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

2. I, Clifford J. Mass

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state the following:

#### ITEMS BEING SUBMITTED

3. Submitted herewith is/are

(check each item as applicable)

- A. ☒ "Sequence Listing(s)" for the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) in this application. Each "Sequence Listing" is assigned a separate identifier as required in 37 CFR § 1.821(c) and 37 CFR §§ 1.822 and 1.823.
- B. ☐ An amendment to the description and/or claims, wherein reference is made to the sequence by use of the assigned identifier, as required in 37 CFR § 1.821(d).
- C. ☒ A copy of each "Sequence Listing" submitted for this application in computer readable form, in accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.821(e) and 1.824.
- D. ☐ Please transfer to this application, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.821(e), the computer readable copy(ies) from applicant's other application identified as follows:

In re application of:

Serial No.: 0 /

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The Computer readable form(s) of applicant's other application corresponds to the "Sequence Identifier(s)" of the application as follows:

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"Sequence Identifier"

(other applications)

(this application)

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- E. ☒ A statement that the content of each "Sequence Listing" submitted and each computer readable copy are the same, as required in 37 CFR § 1.821(g).
- ☐ Because the statement is not made by a person registered to practice before the Office, the Statement is verified as required in 37 CFR § 1.821(b).
- F. ☒ Because this submission is made in fulfilling the requirement under 37 CFR § 1.821(g), a statement that the submission includes no new matter.
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4. I hereby state:

*(complete applicable item A and/or B)*

- A. ☒ Each computer readable form submitted in this application, including those forms requested to be transferred from applicant's other application, is the same as the "Sequence Listing" to which it is indicated to relate.
- B. ☒ All papers accompanying this submission, or for which a request for transfer from applicants' other application, introduce no new matter.

## STATUS

5. Applicant is

☒ a small entity. A statement:

☐ is attached.

☒ was already filed.

☐ other than a small entity.

## EXTENSION OF TERM

6.

**NOTE:** *"Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.*

*If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of Dec. 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).*

**NOTE:** *See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.*

7. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

*(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)*

(a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$390.00	\$ 195.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$890.00	\$ 445.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,390.00	\$ 695.00

Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

#### FEE PAYMENT

8. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Charge Account No. 12-0425 the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

#### FEE DEFICIENCY

9.

NOTE: *If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, 1065 O.G. 31-33.*

10. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 12-0425.



**SIGNATURE(s)**

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Signature

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(If applicable)

- ☐ Inventor
- ☐ Assignee of complete interest
- ☐ Person authorized to sign on behalf of assignee
- ☐ Attorney or agent record
- ☒ Filed under Rule 34(a)
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

(specify identity of person signing)

(complete the following, if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Type name of assignee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of assignee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of person authorized to sign on behalf of assignee

A "STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)" is attached.

Assignment recorded in PTO on \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER**

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